

U.S. Embassy Notice of Funding Opportunity LGBTI Rural Advocacy Training

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Background

The U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu continues to be deeply involved in promoting LGBTI rights in Nepal. Despite the successful efforts of LGBTI activists and advances in the legal framework for guaranteeing the rights of gender and sexual minorities in recent years, there is still a demand in rural areas for formal training on LGBTI-related issues for journalists, civil society leaders, and law enforcement officials. These training programs will build stronger understanding and partnerships between the government and NGOs and support the progress of the LGBTI movement. Pending the availability of funds, the Embassy will support a series of training and awareness programs directed at journalists, civil society leaders, and law enforcement officials.

Program Description and Requirements

The U.S. Embassy will fund a series of five workshops, one in each of Nepal's five development zones. These two-day workshops will consist of presentations on the meanings of sexual orientation and gender identity, and the legal framework and avenues for guaranteeing and protecting the rights of LGBTI persons. The workshops will also include interactive sessions in which local journalists, police, and community leaders can ask questions of the LGBTI community and discuss their respective roles in supporting LGBTI rights. Journalists who attend the program will conduct practice interviews and reporting on LGBTI-related themes with feedback sessions. Journalists will also be asked to write an investigative LGBTI-related story after the completion of the workshops.

Successful workshop proposals will include the following elements:

- ☐ An outline of the program for a two-day workshop (each workshop would follow the same format),
- ☐ A list of potential workshop trainers/facilitators, with CVs and/or information about the relevant professional experience for each
- ☐ A plan for recruiting and vetting participants, including the total number in each of the three categories (journalists, law enforcement, community/civil society leaders),
- ☐ A plan for following up with journalist participants on writing and publishing investigative LGBTI-related articles (one per journalist)
- ☐ Proposed budget, including staff costs, room rental, food and beverage, transport, etc.

Funding

Pending the availability of funds, the U.S. Embassy will provide funding not to exceed \$18,000 USD for all five workshops. The five workshops, and follow-on activities by journalist participants, should be completed within 12 months.

Application Procedure and Deadline

For proposals to be considered, they must include the following information on the organization's letterhead:

- ☐ Organization contact information
- ☐ DUNS number (see "Eligibility" section for further details)
- ☐ Background of organization and leaders
- ☐ Project narrative
- ☐ Budget

Proposals should be submitted via email no later than **August 6, 2015** to culturektm@state.gov with the subject line "Proposal for LGBTI Rural Advocacy Training."

Selection Process

The U.S. Embassy will review all proposals submitted by the deadline. If additional information is required, the U.S. Embassy may contact organizations after the deadline. The U.S. Embassy will inform the selected organization no later than **August 24.**

Eligibility

Any non-governmental organization may submit a proposal. Cost-sharing or matching is encouraged but not required.

In order to receive funding from the U.S. Embassy, an organization must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. Detailed information on how to obtain a DUNS number at no cost is available at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>.

Reporting Requirements

The selected organization will be expected to provide quarterly status updates and will be required to submit a final report at the conclusion of the project. Additionally, the organization must submit all financial records to the U.S. Embassy at the close out of the project.